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SUBJECT: AD-70 SPRING REPORT

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1. WE AGREE WITH MISSION COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED  
PARA 2 REFTEL, ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS TO OFFER CERTAIN  
DIFFICULTIES IN THAT EWG MUST AGREE ON "SPECIFIC  
PROGRAMS OR ISSUES WHERE SPECIFIC EMPHASIS OR  
MINISTERIAL DIRECTION IS REQUESTED." WE SUGGEST EWG  
MAKE A TENTATIVE SELECTION OF SPECIFIC AREAS OR ISSUES  
NOW AND ALERT THE RELATED NATO OFFICIALS OR COMMITTEES  
SOTHAT THERE WILL BE AMPLE TIME FOR PREPARATION OF  
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THE NECESSARY INPUT REPORTS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION

IN THE EWG. EWG FINAL DECISION SHOULD BE TAKEN  
SHORTLY AFTER DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING.

2. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US THAT EWG HAS A NECESSARY  
ROLE TO PLAY IN FLEXIBILITY, WHICH HAS BEEN ASSIGNED  
TO SACEUR THROUGH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, OR IN  
STANDARDIZATION, IN WHICH MINISTERS HAVE RECENTLY  
EMPHASIZED THE ROLE OF CNAD, EXCEPT PERHAPS TO SUGGEST  
PRIORITY AREAS WHERE STANDARDIZATION IS MOST URGENT  
FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW. IS IT MISSION INTENTION THAT  
SACEUR'S REPORT AND MILITARY COMMITTEE ANALYSIS THEREOF  
BE PROCESSED BY EWG, AND SIMILARLY WITH CNAD REPORT

ON STANDARDIZATION?

3. EWG HAS, OF COURSE, A CLEAR TITLE TO ACTION IN  
FIELDS OF BASIC ISSUES AND RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION,  
AS WELL AS AD-70 FOLLOW-UP.

4. MISSION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT AD-70 SPRING REVIEW  
1975 DOES NOT SET THE PATTERN FOR FOLLOWING YEARS.  
DEPENDING ON RESULTS OF DPC MINISTERIAL ACTION ON A  
LONG-RANGE CONCEPT FOR NATO DEFENSE AND ON PLANNING  
GUIDANCE FOR THE PERIOD 1977-1982, THE FOCUS OF THE  
FUTURE SPRING MEETINGS MAY TAKE A DIFFERENT CHARACTER.

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